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Determining the Validity  
of a Data Processing  
Transaction

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Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 8, after "identification card." please insert the  
following:

-- One form of the invention encompasses a method of  
determining validity of a transaction carried out by a user at a  
data processing system, the method including the steps of:

- a) receiving a user identification card and a first  
entry of data from the user;
- b) checking the first entry of data against a first  
stored field of security data;
- c) issuing a message to the user which requests a subset  
entry, consisting of less than all characters of a second  
stored field of security data, and receiving the subset  
entry from the user;